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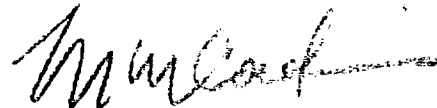
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to you today to express my support of the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. As a Microsoft supporter, I have followed the litigation process closely. I believe that Microsoft has made many concessions during this process. I am glad to finally see the end, so that Microsoft can return to focusing on what it does best--information technology.

Again, Microsoft has made several concessions under this settlement. Most striking of which is Microsoft's agreement to have a technical oversight committee regulate their compliance with settlement policies. This inclusion of a third party watchdog agency assures Microsoft's commitment to the settlement.

Microsoft has done more for the American economy than any other corporation in our nation's history to date. It is time we allow Microsoft to return to business.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mark Collins', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mark Collins